

National Talent Search Examination
National Council of Educational Research and Training
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016

National Talent Search Scheme started in the year 1963. The purpose of the scheme is to identify talented students and nurture them. This year NCERT will conduct the **National Talent Search Examination** for students studying in **Class X**.

1. **Scholarships:** On the basis of the National Talent Search Examination, 1000 scholarships will be awarded. The amount of scholarship will be as under:
 - (a) Scholarship of Rs.1250/- per month for Class-XI to XII.
 - (b) Scholarship of Rs.2000/- per month for Undergraduates and Post-graduates.
 - (c) Amount of Scholarship for Ph.D. be fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.
2. **Reservation:** 15% scholarships will be reserved for students belonging to the **SC** category, 7.5% scholarships for students belonging to the **ST** category and 3% for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students.
3. **Selection:** There will be two-stage selection process for award of scholarship. For Stage-I, selection will be done by States/UTs through a written examination. Students, who qualify **Stage- I**, will be eligible to appear for **Stage-II** examination, conducted by NCERT.
4. **Important Dates:** Dates for submission of application form and conduct of examination, are given below:

| Stage | Area | Tentative Dates |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Stage-I (State) | Last Date for Submission of Application Form | 31st August, 2014* |
| | Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 1 st November, 2014 |
| | Examination in All other States and Union Territories | 2 nd November, 2014 |
| Stage-II (National) | Examination in All States and Union Territories | 10 th May, 2015 (Sunday) |

* However, it may vary from state to state.

5. **Eligibility:** All students of Class X studying in recognized schools are eligible to appear for the Stage -I examination, conducted by the States/UTs, in which the schools are located. There will be no domicile restriction.
6. **Examination:** The pattern of **written examination** will be as follows:
 - **Stage I** examination at the State/UT level will comprise of two parts, namely (a) Mental Ability Test (MAT) and (b) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which also includes Language Comprehensive Test.
 - **The pattern of stage II** examination will be intimated in due course.

